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Dr. William H. Glaze
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Dear Dr. Glaze and Dr. Loehr:

Thank you for writing and for sending me a copy of the Research Strategies Advisory Committee's report, *Water Quality and Pollution Prevention Multiyear Plans: An SAB Review* (EPA-SAB-RSAC-02-003).

My staff and I appreciate the SAB's thoughtful review and its support for EPA's multiyear planning process. The Agency will be implementing the majority of your recommendations in future revisions of the Water Quality and Pollution Prevention Multiyear Plans, as well as other multiyear plans from the Office of Research and Development. Enclosed you will find responses to the SAB's specific recommendations.

Again, thank you for your valuable and timely analysis. I look forward to the SAB's continued support as we work to strengthen EPA's research program. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

Christine Todd Whitman

Enclosure